Life is sweet for young singer from Canada

At 17, she is discovered by a record company. At 20, she released her first album. At 21, she is about to embark on her first tour of the Unit-

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Sarah McLachlan, this is your life.

And how sweet it seems. Young, bright and talented with the music industry yours to conquer. But the Halifax, Nova Scotla, native is keeples things in perspective.

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Day by day, people are hearing the word about McLachhan's debut at hum on Arista Records, "Touch."

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ing classical piano and guitar at the Nova Scotia Royal Conservatory of Music. She had five years of vocal training at the institution as well.

resentative one night in Halifax. She sang for a local band, The October Game, when they offered her a five-record deal.

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parents, McLachian headed to van-couver to work on material for her first album. "Touch" was released on Nettwerk in October 1988 in Can-

adn.
Arista Records signed McLachlan
and released the album earlier this
year in the U.S. The LP instantly
found a home on alternative and college radio in this country.

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"Its was very uptight about it." she said. "I want to be in control of every part of my music career.

McLachian on only wrote and McLachian on only wrote and will be involved. "But did the artwork for the cover and will be involved in the video work. Before being discovered, she was majoring in jewelry design at an art college.

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With her artistic background, it should come as no surprise that Pe-ter Gabriel is one of her biggest in-

ter Gabriel is one of her biggest in-fluences.
"He's like a god to me, I guess," be said. "He makes me feel good. When I'm depressed, I put on his mu-site. . . It sounds stupid, but that's what a god is to a lot of people." But such exalled status for McLa-chian will undoubtedly take time. She is already working on material for her second album, which she hopes to be released in April. She's still grappling with the songwriting process.

"I don't know about everybody else, but I seem to emote more when I'm pissed," she said, "A lot of the time the songs are bittersweet and cynical. But not always.
"I'm too young to be cynical."

Sarah McLachlan will open for Bruce Cockburn and Holly Near at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St. For information, call 665-4755.





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McLachlan, though, found her mark by drawing from personal ex-periences as a teenager. As a result, "Touch" is an album filled with frus-tration, anger and happiness. She also rolled on her musical ex-perience, which has included study-

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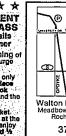


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